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MINING CASES AND MINING STATUTES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. The Honourable Archer Martin. Toronto: The Carswell Co., Ltd. 1903. pp. xxviii, 898.

Notwithstanding its modest proportions, this work of the learned justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, seems to contain all that is essential to an understanding of the mining law of that Province. It is a matter of surprise to discover that this law is so small in volume and so recent in point of time. Though gold mining has been practiced in Vancouver Island since 1853 and on the mainland since 1857, as the early proclamations and ordinances of the colony show there is no important decision before 1867 and only two before 1883. Indeed, of the hundred cases here collected, all but ten have been decided within the last ten years, though the more important statutes regulating the industry cover twice that period. (Consolidated Mineral Acts of 1884, 1888, 1891, 1896, and Placer Acts of 1891 and 1897). While this collection does not aim at completeness, it does undertake to give all the cases on the subject of permanent interest, and this it does with praiseworthy completeness as well as restraint. The notes consist mostly of cross-references to other cases in the collection, the learned editor having deemed it inadvisable to refer to cases arising in other British colonies or in the United States on account of the radical difference between the law of those jurisdictions and that of British Columbia. All important statutes and proclamations are printed in full, and the book is supplied with a glossary of mining terms, based, whenever possible, on judicial definitions, and a full and accurate index. A supplement brings the cases down to March, 1903. Within its limited field the collection can hardly fail to be of permanent value to the profession, notwithstanding the eccentric taste which determined the form of the volume. A practitioner's hand-book might have been more conveniently and appropriately bound than in soft leather, with over-lapping edges and folding flap, and broad green ribbon.

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